



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services Administration
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TO: County Alcohol and Drug Coordinators
DBHR Certified Chemical Dependency Service Providers
Washington State Department of Corrections
Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

FROM: David A. Dickinson, Director *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: 2011-13 State Budget Impact – Increased Certification Fees

I am writing to inform you the 2011-13 State Budget requires the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) to increase fees for certified chemical dependency service providers. DBHR was directed by the State Legislature to establish agency fees in an amount to adequately cover the costs of the certification program.

Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill (2ESHB) 1087, was signed by the Governor on June 15, 2011. Section 208 of 2ESHB 1087 relates to certification and regulation activities for approved chemical dependency treatment programs. Elements of the bill include:

- In accordance with RCW 70.96A.090 and 43.135.055, section 208 of 2ESHB 1087 directs the department to establish fees in fiscal years 2012 and 2013, as necessary, to support the costs of the regulatory program.
- The fee schedule adopted in the legislative budget notes reflects the intent of the law by establishing a lower cost of licensing for those organizations with proof of accredited programs through the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, and the council on accreditation, or others that the department has determined to have substantially equivalent standards to those of the department.

We will file rule-making documents and increase certification fees September 1, 2011. General rule-making for fee increases will continue this fall. Attached is a copy of fees, as adopted in the legislative budget notes, that will be charged for certified providers. Given budgetary constraints, DBHR will no longer be able to offer fee waivers. I apologize for the short notice, but the budget expectation was to implement fee increases July 1, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Victoria Roberts at victoria.roberts@dshs.wa.gov or 360-725-3715.

Attachment

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**2011-13 State Budget Impact – Department of Social and Health Services
Increased Chemical Dependency Certification Fees
September 1, 2011**

Effective date: September 1, 2011 Application Fees for Agency Certification for Approved Treatment Programs	
New agency application	\$1,000
Branch agency application	\$ 500
Application to add one or more services	\$ 200
Application to change ownership	\$ 500
Initial and Annual Certification Fees for Detoxification, Residential, and Nonresidential Services	
Detoxification and residential services	\$100 per licensed bed, per year, for agencies not renewing certification through deeming
	\$50 per licensed bed, per year, for agencies renewing certification through deeming per WAC 388-805-115
Nonresidential services	\$750 per year
	\$200 per year for agencies certified through deeming per WAC 388-805-115
Complaint/Incident Investigation Fees	
All agencies	\$1,000 per substantiated complaint/incident investigation